

REMARKS

As per Applicant's representative's discussions with Examiner McCarthur of September 16, 2004, Applicant hereby submits a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, by inventors Fredrik Persson, Pierre Mikaelsson and Jan Larsson, attesting to the applicability of U.S. Patent No. 4,976,582 to *Clavel* in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,733,085 to *Latzen*, as cited in the outstanding June 7, 2004 Office Action, to independent claims 1 and 12, as well as new independent claim 17. With regard to Inventor Fredrik Persson, Applicant respectfully notes that as per the enclosed extract of the population register from Sweden, Mr. Persson's last name has been changed to Isaksson, as indicated on page 8 of the enclosed Declaration.

Based upon the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 and the arguments presented in the Amendment filed September 7, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. In the event the above-identified submittals do not result in allowance of this case, Applicant hereby requests Examiner McCarthur to contact Applicant's representative at 202-906-8696 to discuss the proposed amendments, before submitting an Office Action. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 04-2223. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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